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Flathead National Forest Seeks Secure Rural Schools Project Proposals

Kalispell, MT. July 14, 2016 -The public is invited to submit funding applications for natural resource projects in Flathead County. These funds are distributed through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. Proposals are due by September 2, 2016. Funds may be used for projects on federal and non-federal lands that benefit National Forest System lands. Approximately half of the funding will be granted to road, trail, and watershed projects.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act provides funds for a variety of activities that benefit Federal lands and resources in the benefiting county. The Title II funds are designed to make investments in public lands and create additional employment opportunities through projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restore and improve land health and water quality. These projects are also designed to improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for public lands and the agencies that manage these lands.

Individuals and groups interested in submitting projects are encouraged to discuss their project proposals with the appropriate coordinator for the District in which the project would be primarily implemented:

Spotted Bear Ranger District- Deb Mucklow, dmucklow@fs.fed.us, (406) 758-5376

Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger District- Rob Davies, rdavies@fs.fed.us, (406) 387-3800

Tally Lake Ranger District-Lisa Timchak, latimchak@fs.fed.us, (406) 758-5204

Swan Lake Ranger District-Rich Kehr, rkehr@fs.fed.us, (406) 837-7500

The Title II funds are managed by Federal agencies. The Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), made up of local citizens, will recommend how these funds will be spent.

The application forms (<http://cloudapps-usda-gov.force.com/FSSRS/CreateNewprojectpage>), criteria, and instructions (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/pts>) are available online. All applications must be submitted through the online system, and emailed or hand delivered to the appropriate District contact by the close of business on September 2, 2016.

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